

REMARKS

Pursuant to the present amendment, new claims 60-64 have been added. Thus, claims 41 and 60-64 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 41 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 17-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,518,654. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer that is believed to render the Examiner's double patenting rejection moot. In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. However, it should be understood that, in filing the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the Examiner's positions and statements set forth in the Office Action.

New claims 60-64 have been added to further define Applicants' invention. Applicants attempted to add claims 60-64 in the amendment filed on June 17, 2005, which was not entered.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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